

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.43537 Restricted or senior all-species fishing license; eligibility of legally blind; proof of blindness; disabled veteran; eligibility for senior hunting or fishing license; disabled veterans firearm deer season; pilot project; proof of eligibility; processing licenses; appropriations; "disabled veteran" defined.

Sec. 43537. (1) A resident who is declared legally blind is eligible to purchase a senior restricted or senior all-species fishing license. The department may demand proof of blindness. The licensee, when fishing, shall possess proof of blindness and shall furnish the proof upon the request of a peace officer.

(2) A disabled veteran is eligible to purchase any senior hunting license described in section 43535 or any senior fishing license described in section 43536, or both.

(3) As a pilot project for 2007, there shall be a disabled veterans firearm deer season in at least 3 areas of this state, including Marquette county and deer management units 053 and 064. The disabled veterans firearm deer season shall correspond with the youth firearm deer hunting days, if any, established by order of the commission. A disabled veteran may take 1 deer during the disabled veterans firearm deer season. A disabled veteran taking deer during this season shall possess a current firearm deer license, combination deer license, or antlerless deer license or a deer management assistance permit authorizing the disabled veteran to take a deer with a firearm and issued for the area or land upon which the veteran is hunting. The same kind of deer may be taken during the disabled veterans firearm deer season as during the regular November firearm deer season. This subsection does not limit the authority of the commission under section 40113a to establish a special hunting season in any area of this state for veterans with disabilities or other classes of individuals.

(4) The department may demand proof of eligibility under subsection (2) or (3). The licensee, when hunting or taking aquatic species, as applicable, shall possess proof of his or her eligibility under subsection (2) or (3) and shall furnish the proof upon the request of a peace officer.

(5) The department shall process licenses issued under subsection (2) in the same manner as licenses issued to senior citizens for purposes of receiving appropriations from the legislature under section 43546.

(6) As used in this section, "disabled veteran" means either of the following:

(a) A resident who has been determined by the United States department of veterans affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate, for a disability other than blindness.

(b) A resident rated by the United States department of veterans affairs as individually unemployable.

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